Block/Project	Area quired	Ac- (in Ha.)	Date of Ac- quisition	State	Status of Mining Opera- tion	Likely Time of Starting the Project
12. Dhorwasa		160.13	05.8.97	-do-	-do-	1999-2000
13. Saoner Project Ph-I Extn. Mine No. 3		310.75 (MR)	12.12.97	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
14. Sethia Block		6.196 (MR)	4.8.97	Madhya Pradesh	Mining operation started.	—
15. Tandsi Block		542.55 (MR)	2.12.96	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
16. Maori Block		338.27 (MR)	25.9.97	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
SECL						
17. Dhanpuri Block		534.493 (MR)	27.5.95	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
18. Amarpur Block		851.19 (MR)	2.12.95	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
19. Amritdhara		3952.07 (MR)	30.12.95	-do-	Not started due to non- availability of physical possession of land.	Proposed for shelving the project
20. Rajgamar Extn.		2218.01 (MR)	11.5.96	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
21. Ahmadand Block-III		157.34 (MR)	11.5.96	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
22. West of Chirimiri		104.80 (MR)	7.12.96	-do-	Mining operation started.	—
23. Amadand Block-II		3407.41 (MR)	22.2.97	-do-	Project Report not yet approved.	Work on the project can start subject to approval of project report.
MCL						
24. Hingula Block		1063.56	27.1.97	Orissa	Mining operation started.	—
25. Bhubaneswari		688.43	5.9.97	-do-	Advance Action Plan is under implementation.	2000-2001

NOTE: No land has been acquired under C.B.A. Act in N.C.L. and B.C.C.L. during last three years.

MR=Mining Right.

Guidelines for Coal mining lease

1211. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed guidelines for making coal mining lease applications for captive mines, as provided under section 3 of Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, under what provisions of law Government are advising entrepreneurs to first make aplications to Screening Committee for identification of coal mining block for the company, and then approch State Government under Section 22 of Mining Concession Rules, 1960;

(d) whether Government have notified any mining block(s) to be allotted; and

(e) if so, what are these and if not, how would an entrepreneur know about mining block to be applied for?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are the guidelines adopted for allocation of blocks to the private/public sector for coal mining:

(i) Preferably blocks in green field areas where basic infrastructure like road, rail links etc. is yet to be developed should be given to the private/public sector. The areas where CIL has already invested in creating such infrastructure for opening new mines should not be handed over to the private/public sector, except on reimbrursement of costs.

(ii) The blocks offered to private/public sector should be at reasonable distance from existing mines and projects of CIL in order to avoid operational problems.

(iii) Blocks already identified for development by CIL where adequate funding is on hand or in sight should not be offered to the private/public sector.

(iv) Private/public sector should be asked to bear full cost of exploration in these blocks which may be offered.

(v) for identifying blocks the requirement of coal for about 30 years would be considered.

Further the policy inter-alia includes:—

—approval of mining plan as required under the Mines and Mineral (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957.

inspection and appropriate enforcement of conservation measures by the Coal Controller under the coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act. 1974 with a view to ensuring scientific mining.

enforcement of safety regulations by the Directorate General of Mines Safety.

(c) A Screening Committee through executive order of Ministry of Coal is functioning for screening proposals relating to captive mining by power generating companies and companies engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel/cement. After the coal mining blocks are allocated to the various parties on the basis of the approval of the Screening Committee, the parties concerned are required to approach the State Govt. for completing various statutory formalities like obtaining mining rights from the State Govt.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The interested parties for captive mining apply to Ministry of Coal for a captive block giving details of type of plant, location, quantity of coal required per annum for captive use, quality parameters of coal etc. Based on the above details in the application, and after due consideration to such parameters like location of plant, quality of coal, quantity required, logistics of transport and other parameters of the guidelines, Ministry of Coal suggests suitable block(s) to the party. Having received a response from the party, the case is put up to the Screening Committee for its consideration of allotment of the block for captive mining to the party.

Production of coking/non-coking coal

1212. SHRI PARMESWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what has been grade-wise production of A to G grades of non-coking coal and of different grades of coking/semi-coking coal, including steel/washery grades, company-wise, during each of last three years;

(b) what are the calorific value and ash content ranges of these coking and non-coking coals;

(c) whether it is a fact production of superior grades of coking and non-coking coal has been declining over the period; and